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**Current Population Survey, February 1998:
Displaced Worker and Employee Tenure** *[machine-readable data file]* / conducted by the Bureau of the Census
for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. --Washington: Bureau of the
Census [producer and distributor], 1998.

Type of File

Microdata; unit of observation is individuals within housing units.

Universe Description

The universe consists of all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States living in households. The probability sample selected to represent the universe consists of approximately 48,000 households.

Subject-Matter Description

Data are provided on labor force activity for the week prior to the survey. Comprehensive data are available on the employment status, occupation, and industry of persons 14 years old and over. Also shown are personal characteristics such as age, sex, race, marital status, veteran status, household relationship, educational background, and Hispanic origin.

The Displaced Worker questions were asked of all persons age 20 years or older who lost a job involuntarily within the last three years based on operating decisions of a firm, plant, or business in which the worker was employed. Data are provided on reasons for job displacement, industry and occupation of the former job, group health insurance coverage, job tenure, and weekly earnings. Additional data refer to periods of unemployment as well as number of jobs held, use of unemployment benefits, whether residence was changed to seek work in another area, current health insurance coverage, and current weekly earnings. The employee tenure questions were asked of all persons 15 years and older who were employed during the reference week.

Geographic Coverage

States, regions and divisions are identified in their entirety. Within confidentiality restrictions; indicators are provided for consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSA), 173 selected metropolitan statistical areas (MSA), 69 selected primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSA), 217 counties, and 41 central cities in multi-central city metropolitan statistical areas or primary metropolitan statistical areas. Also within confidentiality restrictions, indicators are provided for metropolitan/nonmetropolitan, central city/balance metropolitan, MSA/CMSA size and MSA/PMSA size.

Technical Description

File Structure: Rectangular.

File Size: 134,413 logical records; 1,053 characters logical record length.

File Sort Sequence: State rank by CMSA/MSA rank by household identification number by line number.

Reference Materials

Current Population Survey, February 1998: Displaced Worker and Employee Tenure Technical Documentation. Documentation contains this abstract, including ordering information, an overview, definitions, a questionnaire facsimile, code lists, and record layouts of the file. One copy accompanies each file order. Additional copies are available from Marketing Services Office, Customer Services Center, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Bureau of the Census. The Current Population Survey Design and Methodology (Technical Paper 40) (out of print). Describes in detail the sample design and survey procedures used as well as accuracy of estimates and sampling errors. Reference copies should be available from most public libraries or Federal Depository Libraries.

File Availability

The file may be ordered from Marketing Services Office, Customer Services Center using the attached order form. It is available on a single 9-track tape reel (ASCII or EBCDIC, labeled or unlabeled, 6250 bpi) or IBM 3480 compatible tape cartridge. The file also can be made available on CD-R (compact disc-recordable) in ASCII format.